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WASHINGTON, November 6, 1986 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 1 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 1.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1985, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1986 was an estimated 748.4 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent higher than the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 1 totaled 408,327, virtually the same as the corresponding week of last year, and 0.1 percent higher than the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.4 percent in the West, but down 3.1 percent in the East, and 5.3 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Other farm products showed a gain of 1,039 cars (22.5 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 25 totaled 107,665 trailers and/or containers, 10.0 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 4,117,840 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from 1985.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/01/86:

	Loadings in Week ended November 1, 1986		Change from Corresponding Week 1985			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percen
Grain	34,096	I	177	0.5	D	1,540	4.3
Other farm products	5,657	I	1,039	22.5	I	22	0.4
Metallic ores	14,960	D	1,174	7.3	D	520	3.4
Coal	114,929	D	3,995	3.4	D	2,389	2.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,991	I	984	7.0	I	544	3.8
Nonmetallic minerals	8,382	D	2,268	21.3	D	57	0.7
Grain mill products	11,368	I	452	4.1	D	87	0.8
Food and kindred products	12,072	I	316	2.7	I	405	3.5
Primary forest products	10,896	I	327	3.1	I	324	3.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,167	I	903	12.4	I	440	5.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,665	D	828	6.1	I	391	3.2
Chemicals and allied products	24,202	I	812	3.5	I	844	3.6
Petroleum products	4,607	I	154	3.5	D	179	3.7
Stone, clay and glass products	10,652	I	479	4.7	I	135	1.3
Coke	3,907	D	1,267	24.5	D	397	9.2
Metals and products	7,830	D	616	7.3	I	603	8.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,338	D	1,748	7.6	I	825	4.0
Waste and scrap materials	8,066	D	81	1.0	I	55	0.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	3,494	D	3,413	49.4	I	91	2.7
All other carloads	75,937	I	9,679	14.6	I	913	1.2
LCL traffic	111	D	56	33.5	D	15	11.9
Total Cars Loaded	408,327	D	124	0.0	I	408	0.1
Corresponding week of 1985	408,451						

	1986	1985	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	16,545,002	16,639,952	D 0.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
43 Weeks ended October 25	730.1	729.5	I 0.1
Week ended November 1	18.3	18.1	I 1.2
44 Weeks cumulative	748.4	747.7	I 0.1

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